

HOUSE No. 2846

By Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, petition of Anthony Petruccelli for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the needs of persons with agoraphobia and other related disorders. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH AGORAPHOBIA AND RELATED DISORDERS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established to
2 consist of four members of the senate, one of whom shall be a
3 member of the joint committee on health care, one of whom shall
4 be a member of the joint committee on education, arts and human-
5 ities, one of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on
6 human services and elderly affairs and one of whom shall be a
7 member of the joint committee on commerce and labor, and four
8 members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a
9 member of the joint committee on health care, one of whom shall
10 be a member of the joint committee on education, arts and human-
11 ities, one of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on
12 human services and elderly affairs and one of whom shall be a
13 member of the joint committee on commerce and labor, a repre-
14 sentative of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, a repre-
15 sentative of the Massachusetts commission for the blind, a
16 representative of the commission for the deaf and hard of hearing,
17 the commissioner of mental health or his designee, the commis-
18 sioner of mental retardation or his designee, the deputy director of
19 employment and training or his designee, the secretary of health
20 and human services or his designee, and the director of the office
21 for children or his designee and three persons to be appointed by
22 the governor, one of whom shall be from the Phobic United Foun-
23 dation, one of whom shall be from the Independent Living Centers
24 and one of whom shall be from the State Council on Aging.

25 Because persons suffering from agoraphobia, seizure disorders,
26 traumatic syndrome and related disorders resulting in a home-
27 bound status have been largely underserved in the commonwealth
28 due to problems dealing with access and communication, the
29 special commission shall review the state rehabilitation and
30 human service plans to enhance services to such persons.

31 Said special commission shall submit its final report and its
32 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation neces-
33 sary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same
34 with the clerk of the senate on or before the last Wednesday in
35 December, 2005.